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From the Camp at La Valette, near Toulon, August 9. N. S.

THE Lord Durfley, riding at Anchor before one of the Iſles of Hieres, in which are Three Forts, ſurpris'd the ſtrongeſt, and ſummon'd the Two others, which ſurrender'd at Diſcretion.

Two Days ago, a Party of Soldiers going into an Houſe not far from the Camp in Search of Proviſions, and obſerving a Vault that was lock'd up and barr'd with particular Care, they broke it open, in expectation of ſome valuable Booty; but found in it a Man loaden with Chains, and almoſt dead with Famine; who, after having receiv'd ſome Refreſhments from 'em, let 'em know, That he had been confin'd to the Dungeon where they found him above 16 Years, and fed all that Time with nothing but Bread and Water. He has ſince been brought to Court by his Royal Highneſs's Order, who had the Curioſity to ask him ſeveral Queſtions; but his long Diſuſe of Speech had ſo depriv'd him of Language, that he could hardly find Words to make it underſtood that he was a Priſoner of State. His Royal Highneſs was mov'd with Compaſſion of his Sufferings, and order'd him to be ſet at Liberty, and taken Care of.

Venice, Auguſt 20. The Earl of Manchester, Ambaſſador Extraordinary from the Queen of Great Britain, is preparing for his publick Entrance, which will be made with the utmoſt Magnificence. Signor Anquiſciola, the Pope's Nuncio, dy'd here on Thurſday laſt. Our laſt Letters from Conſtantinople ſay, the Grand Seignior has given Orders for the ſpeedy Augmentation of his Troops, to prevent the Effects of any new Conſpiracy, and awe all ſuch as are diſaffected to his Government. We hear from Naples, That the famous Privateer Pepefumo, who was equipping Veſſels for the Service of King Charles, is dead. The States of that City have taken the Oaths, and done Homage to Count Martinitz, as Viceroy; as have alſo all the Nobility, and Perſons of Condition who reſide there. On the 7th Inſtant the Viceroy ſent Veſſels loaden with Cannon, Mortars, bombs, and other Warlike Proviſions, as well as ſome regular Troops, to beſiege the Fortreſs of Gaeta, which is defended by the Duke of Eſcalona, and ſeveral Spaniſh and Neapolitan Lords who adhere to him. The Imperialiſts are Maſters of many conſiderable Places in the Abruzzo, and Count Martinitz hath ſent thither 2000 Men to reduce the whole Province. They have alſo made Detachments into Calabria, to ſupport the People, who having taken Arms in Favour of the Houſe of Auſtria, kill'd their Governor, and all ſuch Perſons as offer'd to oppoſe them. Theſe Advices add, That Mount Veſuvio has again thrown up ſuch a prodigious Quantity of Aſhes, as made an utter Darkneſs at Noon-day. There was a ſolemn Proceſſion on that Occaſion, in which the Head of St. Genaro, the Guardian of Naples, was publickly expos'd, and carry'd by Cardinal Pignatelli, Archbiſhop of the City, follow'd by the Viceroy, and a great Train of Perſons of the Firſt Quality. Since that time there has been no Eruption from the Mountain. They tell us from Rome, That the Pope has reſolv'd to leave the Quirinal very ſuddenly, and reſide at the Vatican. The exceſſive Heats has made the City very ſickly. The Prince of Taxis has fix'd on his Palace the Arms of Spain, as being at preſent under the Dominion of the Houſe of Auſtria. The Duke of Altempo has follow'd his Example, and acknowledg'd King Charles the Third. The Princeſs Palæſtrina, obſerving that the Prince her Husband was by no means to be prevail'd upon to relinquiſh the Intereſts of King Philip, has retir'd into a Monaſtery.

Paris, Auguſt 29. On Friday laſt a Courier came from Monſieur Langeron to Monſieur Ponchartrain, with News, That the Duke of Savoy had rais'd the Siege of Toulon, which that Miniſter had the good Fortune firſt to communicate to his Majeſty. Eight Hours after the Count de Teſſé, Son to the Marſhal, arriv'd with the ſame Intelligence, while the King was at Supper. The Enemy had made themſelves Maſters of Fort Louis, where the Duke of Savoy had lodg'd a vaſt Quantity of Powder for battering the Town, which they did with great Succeſs, their Cannon taking place ſo effectually, that it muſt have laid it in Aſhes in a ſhort time: But our Men from on Board the *St. Philip*, which lay in the Harbour, threw ſeveral Bombs into the Fort; one of which fell into the Magazine of Powder, and blew it up, with all the Works and Batteries. This Accident put an immediate Stop to all farther Operations of the Enemy, and appear'd irreparable in that Juncture of Time. The Wind had been contrary for ſome Days before, which hinder'd the Fleet from landing Proviſions and Ammunition for their Army, which was in want of Neceſſaries. His Royal Highneſs therefore reſolv'd upon a Retreat; in order to which, in the Night, between the 21ſt and 22d, he embark'd

bark'd, his Cannon, Mortars, ſick and wounded Men, together with Three Regiments deſign'd for the Service in Catalonia, and decamp'd the next Day. We have not yet Particulars of what Loſs we have ſuſtain'd in our Shipping and Magazines, but only hear in general, that the Town is almoſt ruin'd, and that ſeveral Veſſels were burnt in the Harbour, among which is the Fortunate of 70, and the Sage of 52 Guns. There has no Courier ſince come to Verſailles; ſo that we believe nothing conſiderable has happen'd in the Retreat of the Enemy.

From the Camp at Attre, September 1. Yeſterday Morning early the Army commanded by my Lord Duke of Marlborough decamp'd from Soignies, and march'd in Four Columns towards the Dender, the Diſpoſition being made to paſs that River, in order to gain the Enemy's Left Flank, and bring them to a Battle, in caſe they continued in the Camp of Cambron; But upon Notice, that at the firſt Appearance of the Squadrons which compos'd our Van-guard, they decamp'd at Break of Day in great Confuſion, and were marching towards Tournay. His Grace order'd the Army to march to this Camp, our Right being at Yliers, and the Left at Gondrignies. The Enemy are encamp'd between Tournay and Mortagne, having the Head-Quarters at Antoigne, and the Schelde behind them. It is ſuppos'd they deſign to paſs that River upon our advancing again towards them; to which end the Artillery and heavy Baggage are order'd to march to Morrow towards Audenarde, and the Army will follow the next Day, in order to paſs the Schelde at that Place. The Enemy had made Proviſion for a longer Stay at Cambron, having left good quantity of Forage in their Camp, of which our Troops have had the Advantage. Our Men found likewiſe all Sorts of Proviſions and Baggage, which they wanted Time and Means to carry off. We took Yeſterday ſeveral Priſoners on the March, and among others Ten Carabiniers, with their Horſes. The Enemy's Troops continue to deſert in great Numbers, and one of their Guards of 40 Men quitted their Officer, and came over to us this Morning. Brigadier Blood, Colonel of the Engliſh Train, who has been indiſpos'd the greateſt part of the Campagne, died laſt Tueſday at Bruſſels, much lamented for his Bravery and Experience in his Employment.

Hague, Sept. 2. *N. S.* Letters from the Upper Rhine inform us, The Imperial Army, and that under the Command of the Marſhal de Villars, continued in the ſame Camps; and that the French did not diſcover any Deſign to march. The ſame Advices add, That the Elector of Hanover was daily expected in the Imperial Army. The Duke of Wirtemberg having Intelligence, that ſeveral French Parties ſtill demanded Contributions in the Black Foreſt, march'd with a Detachment to oblige 'em to retire. The Prince of Hohenzolleren and the Marſhal Villars had an Interview at the Head of the Armies; between whom, it is ſaid, there paſs'd nothing but great Civilities on each ſide. They write from Saxony, That the Swediſh Troops continued their March towards the Frontiers of Luſatia; and that the King of Sweden was to have left Alt-Ranſtadt on the laſt Day of laſt Month, and taken the Route as when he enter'd that Electorate. Tho' the Letters from Paris acquaint us, that the Duke of Savoy has rais'd the Siege of Toulon, they do not inform us that the Fleet is ſail'd from before that Place. Monſieur Duyvenvorde has taken his Seat in the Aſſembly of the College of Nobles; and Monſieur D'Aylva, Deputy Extraordinary from the Province of Friſeland, has done the ſame in the Aſſembly of the States General. Monſieur Ducker, Envoy from the Biſhop of Munſter, has aſſiſted at a Congreſs of the Foreign Miniſters, and will in a few Days have an Audience of their High Mightineſſes.

His Royal Highneſs Prince George of Denmark, &c. Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. is pleas'd to order, That all the Men which did belong to Her Majeſty's late Ship the Reſolution, and are return'd from Italy, do forthwith repair on board Her Majeſty's Ship Oxford, now in the River Medway, and ſuddenly expected at the Buoy of the Nore, to ſerve in her; where they will be paid the Wages due to them in the Reſolution before the ſaid Ship Oxford ſails from the Nore.

Whereas the Men belonging to Her Majeſty's late Ship the Hampton-Court were ſome time ſince order'd on board the Salisbury; but ſhe being now Mann'd: His Royal Highneſs Prince George of Denmark, &c. Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, &c. is pleas'd to order, That all the Foremaſt-Men belonging to the ſaid Ship Hampton-Court, which are lately return'd from France, do forthwith repair on Board Her Majeſty's Ship Oxford, now in the River Medway, and ſuddenly expected at the Buoy of the Nore, to ſerve in her; where they will be paid the Wages due to them in the Hampton-Court before the ſaid Ship Oxford ſails from the Nore.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling Her Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, That on Friday the 19th of September next, in the Forenoon, they will be ready, at their Office on Tower-Hill, to receive Propoſals, and treat with ſuch Perſons as are inclinable to furniſh Oxen and Hogs at the Port of Dover, for the Service of Her Majeſty's Navy.

By the Receiver-General for Prizes.

NOtice is hereby given, That the Officers and Company of Her Majeſty's Ship Cheſter will, on Thurſday the 4th of September next, be paid their Proportions of the Prize-Ships Trompeuſe and Ceran; according to the Directions in Her Majeſty's moſt Gracious Declaration for the Encouragement of Her Ships of War, &c.

Advertiſements.

THere is to be ſold, the Manor of Somerford in Cheſhire, with a good Houſe, pleaſantly ſituated by the River Daven, with convenient Out-Buildings, Stables, Coach Houſes, and Offices, Two Water Corn-Mills, a Fulling-Mill, Fiſh-Ponds, Dove-Houſe, and Coney-Warren, with new built Tenants Houſes, conveniently ſet upon the Lands, to the Value of 450 l. per Ann. in Poſſeſſion, and 176 l. per Ann. in Leaſe, (moſt of which are very old Lives) very good Commoning, a Royalty, and ſeveral other Appurtenances. Enquire of Mr. Richard Pepper of Gray's-Inn, London, or Mr. Thomas Gorſt of Morton near the ſaid Manor in the ſaid County.

WHereas it was inſerted about three Weeks ſince, That the Commiſſioners againſt Edward King, late of Oldford in Somerſetſhire, intended to meet the Third of September next, at the Crown Inn in Froome Selwood in the ſaid County of Somerſet; This is to give Notice, That the ſaid Commiſſioners will not meet that Day, but will meet the 9th of October next, at the Crown Inn aforeſaid, for the Purpoſes in the ſaid Advertiſement mention'd.

WHereas there was a Letter directed to the Rt. Hon. the Lady Mary Wells, put in at the Poſt houſe at Covent Garden the 17th of July laſt, with a Note incloſ'd under the Hands of Meſſieurs Stone and Martin for 50 l. payable to Henry Wells Eſq; or Order, dated the 11th of the ſaid Month, or thereabouts, which Letter and Note never came to Hand: This is to give Notice, That if any one brings the ſaid Note to Henry Wells Eſq; at Brandbridge near Winchester in Hampſhire, or to Meſſieurs Stone and Martin at the Graſhopper in Lombard-ſtreet, ſhall have 10 s. Reward, Payment being ſtopt.

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